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Many Rhodesian members of the South African Ornithological Society are aware that it is proposed to form a Branch of that Society. The name suggested is the Rhodesian Ornithological Society (ROS) and we are now applying to the Council of the SAOS for permission to join, etc. It also seems necessary to publish a Bulletin to keep members informed of the work and progress of the Branch, and include notices of our Society and records of special interest to Rhodesians. Articles and notes, however, should continue to be sent as before, for publication in the *Ostrich* and *Bokmakierie*.

Members are asked to contribute to, and make use of, the data already collected by me over the last three years. I have acquired records and data on some 537 species within the Colony and from the data collected it will soon be possible to start a Rhodesian Check List, and to make a Rhodesian contribution to the future South African Hand List on Birds.

This Bulletin is being sent to all fifty Rhodesian members of the SAOS (list provided by SAOS). Will those who have not yet been asked to join by Dr. Ashton or myself accept this as notification and communicate with either of us. Members are referred to their copy of the SAOS Constitution which includes rules for the formation of a Branch (Rule 25 page 11).

In submitting our roll of members I will, unless notified by you to the contrary, assume the undermentioned wish to join the Society. This also means after affiliation and recognition by the SAOS that your annual subscriptions of £1 will become payable next year to the new Branch, and a part of this will be retained by us for our expenses and a part sent by me to the SAOS (Sec iv in the Constitution).

Members who have been approached, and will be put on the roll of members of our proposed Society include the following:

Dr. E.H. Ashton, Mr. & Mrs. G. Attwell, Dr. W. Buttiker, Miss C.E. Birley, Dr. N.A. Campbell, Mr. G.K. Donald, Mr. E.A. Edwards, Mr. P. Ellenberger, Mrs. E. Finlayson, Mr. A.B. Fletcher, Mr. K.W. Greenhow, Mr. R.M. Henderson, Mrs. P. Hiller, Mr. H.E. Hornby, Mr. M.P.S. Irwin, Mr. P. Linton, Mr. F. Matthyser, Mr. H.M. Miles (Hon. Sec.), Mr. W.T. Miller, Mr. C.S. Mitchell, Mr. B.V. Newby-Varty, Mr. R.W. Rankine, Mr. D. Saunders, Mr. R.H.N. Smithers, Mr. F. Sheppard, Mr. H.K. Worthington.

A further list of members (mainly from Dr. Ashton) will be given in Bulletin No. 2, and it is hoped to keep the Bulletin to a single sheet.

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